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DC Zoning Commission 441 4th St. NW Suite 200S Washington, DC 20001

RE: Support of Emergency Text Amendment to establish Community Renewable Energy Facilities (CREF), Subtitles B, C, H, K, & U

Good evening Chairman Hood and Distinguished Members of the Zoning Commission:

My name is Bishop Holloway Stanfill and I oversee House of Help City of Hope, serving Ward 8. It is my ministry and goal to provide free housing to recovery program participants, provide low income housing to individuals and families, and to provide support and assistance to substance abuse and physical abuse victims.

I am called to speak here today because folks in my community are about to benefit greatly from the installation of community solar in Southeast DC. We are so excited for the Dupont Park Seventh Day Adventist project to be completed so that people who I help support through my housing community work can share in the city's green investment. Families in my program are not able to invest in solar themselves because they are not homeowners, but through the DC Solar for All community solar project access, they are able to share in the benefits the city created for all low-income DC residents.

Community solar provides opportunities for creative growth of access in low-income communities to the benefits of going green. Without making the changes to allow permitting to happen, we would be taking away programs that are already on their way to helping dozens of families. I hope by speaking to the commission today in support of community solar and the proposed amendment that you all will approve the changes that allow these important projects to move forward as planned.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

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